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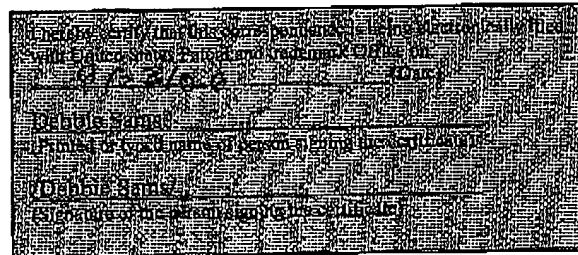
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PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Jethro F. Steinman, *et al.*  
Serial No.: 09/369,790  
Confirmation No.: 7258  
Filed: August 6, 1999  
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR VALIDATING INTERFACES OF  
DYNAMICALLY LINKABLE COMPONENTS AND REAL-TIME  
PROCESS CONTROL SYSTEM INCORPORATING THE SAME  
Grp./A.U.: 2194  
Confirmation No.: 7258  
Examiner: LeChi Truong

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

In response to the Examiner's Final Action mailed March 23, 2006, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows: